

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SAR ASSISTANCE

1. SAILING YACHT WESTKIM IS OVERDUE ARRIVAL AT SINGAPORE. BOAT IS OWNED AND SKIPPED BY A MR. WESSLING, DIRECTOR OF SHELL OIL VIETNAM, A DUTCH SUBJECT. CREW IS MR. WILLARD SHARPE OF USAID SAIGON, MR. LANDIS HICKS AND MR. NORMAN SMITH, ALL AMERICANS. NO OTHER PERSONS REPORTED.

2. BOAT LEFT VUNG TAU, RVN, DIRECT FOR SINGAPORE ON SEPTEMBER 4 ESTIMATING SINGAPORE SEPTEMBER 10. REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE NOT MADE EARLIER BECAUSE SHELL OFFICIALS, SINGAPORE, FELT ESTIMATED PASSAGE TIME OPTIMISTIC. SHELL HAS ALSO NOTIFIED GOVERNMENTS OF SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, INDONESIA AND VIETNAM.

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EM BOAT IS 39 FEET LONG, WHITE HULL, FERROCEMENT, SLOOP

RIG, WITH NO CLASS MARKINGS OR NUMERALS ON SAILS. CREW  
HAD WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS A MEDIUM SIZED TRANSISTOR RADIO  
RECEIVER. (PROBABLY BROADCAST, FM AND SHORT WAVE BANDS.)  
NO TRANSMITTER. NO DETAILS KNOWN ON WATER/FOOD PROVISIONS.

4. REQUEST SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSISTANCE.  
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